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Dear Senator Harkin:

This is in reply to your letter of March 2, 1993, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235 / 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice have been amended in any way. Indeed



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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. As you have requested, your concerns will be included in the record of this proceeding and will be considered in developing our final rules.

Sincerely,

James H. Quello  
Chairman

Enclosures



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March 2, 1993

James Quello  
Acting Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Quello:

I want to express my concerns about the proposal to change the frequency allocations in the 72-76 MHz band, in PR Docket 92-235. It is important that any changes in these allocations take into account the thousands of radio controlled vehicle hobbyists who have expressed concerns about the potential for increased interference with their radio-control operations. While I appreciate the severe limitations of spectrum allocation, and the inevitable trade-offs in these decisions, I wanted to make a number of points about this issue.

As you may know, Iowa is the home of prominent manufacturers of radio control airplane kits and equipment, including Sig manufacturing in Montezuma, Iowa. It would be injurious to these businesses for there to be a change in the spectrum allocation that would render part of the current spectrum unsafe for use.

In addition, there are serious safety considerations concerning these aircraft. Radio controlled aircraft are large, heavy, objects moving at a high rate of speed. Loss of control of

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